

## Rural municipalities 'beyond frustrated' by more cuts

Heather Wright  
The Independent

"Thank you Doug Ford."

That was the sarcastic comment from Dawn-Euphemia's mayor after finding out despite a promise to municipal leaders, the province has once again cut the amount of funding coming their way through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.

The former Liberal government started reducing the amount of the replacement for the farm tax credit system about five years ago. Instead of farm communities getting funding to run their municipalities, grants for urban centers began to grow.

During the 2018 election, then Conservative Leader Doug Ford, promised to freeze the cuts and change the funding formula to give rural and northern municipalities more cash.

But when Ford won, the cuts continued. The first year, municipal leaders went to the government and pointed out the problem and were assured their funding wouldn't change. But 2020 came along and small, rural municipalities continued to lose money while urban centres funding increased.

Dawn-Euphemia Mayor Al Broad was among those frustrated in 2020. Now, in 2021, he's not masking his anger.

Dawn-Euphemia's 2021 OMPF grant will be \$48,000 less than 2020. To recover that money, the township would have to raise taxes by two per cent.

"Obviously, this government isn't listening any better than the last one," he tells *The Independent*.

"Thank you Doug Ford and the Conservative government," he says.

Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott is "beyond frustrated" the government is again taking an axe to the OMPF grant.

Enniskillen is losing \$31,700 of its funding this year. The municipality will receive \$279,300.

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## REMEMBERING THEM



HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

Remembrance Day will be a lot different in Canada this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but members of the Petrolia Legion are still hoping people will take time to support the annual Poppy Drive. Chairman Joe Card presented Enniskillen Mayor Kevin Marriott with one of the first poppies Friday. The boxes have been placed at local businesses across Petrolia and Central Lambton. There will be no public ceremonies to mark Remembrance Day this year. In Petrolia, members of the Legion executive and invited guests will hold a brief private service at the cenotaph in Victoria Park. The Independent will be live streaming the service on its Facebook page starting at 10:55 am Wed. Nov. 11. Inside today's edition, you will also find a poster which you can hang in your window at home as a way to mark Remembrance Day.

## Restrictions still make theatre performances challenging

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Changes to the province's COVID-19 restrictions won't make it any easier for Victoria Playhouse Petrolia to open its doors.

The province released its new COVID-19 Response Framework which takes a gradual approach introducing preventative measures earlier to help avoid broader closures as COVID-19 cases rise.

Lambton will be in the green - prevent stage which includes some guidelines for theatres. Live theatre will have just 50

people in the venue and singers and people using wind instruments must be separated with a 'fixed barrier.'

Laurissa Ellsworth, director of marketing, arts and communications for Petrolia says it is disappointing the province will continue to restrict the number of people in theaters to just 50. Theatre organizations were asking for 30 per cent capacity, similar to churches.

Ellsworth says breaking even on performances with that few of people would be next to impossible. Ellsworth says that for the two traditional Christmas events, Christmas Jamboree and Starbright Christ-

mas, the shows would have to have eight performances a week for seven weeks to reach the same number of people as 2019.

Ellsworth says it is frustrating, but the VPP is concerned for the health of its patrons as well and understands the need for the restrictions.

She adds there will be some online Christmas performances this year and the VPP is planning for its 2021 season with changes in seating and perhaps timed entrances for patrons.

"You will see theatre in Petrolia it may not look like what you're used to seeing," Ellsworth adds.

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# Frustration after more cuts

## Rural municipalities cut while urban funding increases

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Marriott is particularly frustrated because the first year the Conservatives were in power, he went to a consultation on the budget and explained the problem to people from the treasury board. The official said he understood the issues and promised to “go to bat” for rural municipalities.

And still, each year since the Conservatives took office, more of the OMPF grant has been taken away forcing municipalities to either raise taxes or reduce services.

“It’s really disappointing,” he says. “With the amount of money they have been throwing around (for COVID-19 programs) this is a measly amount of money in the scheme of things.”

While the funding cut is frustrating, the rub is many urban municipalities receive cash from the fund as well even though this was originally a replacement for the farm tax credit system.

For example, Windsor receives \$22,291,700 from the same fund. The municipality has almost 100,000 homes, with little farmland in the area.

Chatham-Kent will receive \$19,696,900 in 2021. That’s \$341,400 less than last year.

The way the province awards the cash has never been very clear.

Windsor receives \$224 per household while Chatham-Kent gets \$409 per household.

Dawn-Euphemia receives \$322 per home.

Broad says the process to get to the final figure is confusing. For example, the province estimates the average home in Chatham-Kent around

\$231,900 while Dawn-Euphemia’s 886 homes, in the province’s estimation, are worth \$647,565.

Broad believes provincial officials are using the value Union Gas property in the figure which inflates the number and calls into question exactly how the grants are given out.

“We can’t do anything about it,” says Broad. “We can keep after the provincial government and hopefully they will do something.”

Marriott expects the province will be reluctant to make any changes now because the large urban municipalities would then complain and he says, there are more voters there.

So without a prospect of changing the government’s mind - at least this year, rural municipalities are again going to have to find a way to make due with what they received.

Broad says with \$48,000 less in provincial funding, and the costs relating to COVID-19, it could be an interesting budget deliberation in 2021.

Here’s what other Lambton municipalities received from OMPF this year: Brooke-Alvinston; \$84,00 less; \$594,100  
Lambton Shores; \$14,000 less; \$1.68 million  
Oil Springs; \$1,900 more; \$188,300  
Plympton Wyoming; \$30,000 more; \$862,200  
Petrolia; \$3,000 more; \$900,400  
Sarnia; \$186,200 more; \$3.601 million  
Warwick; \$27,200 less; \$386,400



Al Broad

# Man wounded in police standoff died Sunday

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The man shot in Enniskillen Township while Lambton OPP were at his home has died.

The province’s Special Investigation Unit is probing the Oct. 26th incident. Police were called to the rural home around 7:30 pm for a man in mental distress. The SIU says police went to the back of the property and secured the area. At 10:45 pm, the OPP’s Emergency Response team went into the rear of the property and found the man with a gunshot wound. SIU Spokesperson Monica Hudon

says it was believed at the time the wound was self-inflicted.

Hudon confirms the man died Sunday in hospital. Hudon says it doesn’t alter the course of the SIU’s investigation.

“The investigation process remains essentially the same. Our investigators are continuing to interview witnesses and analyze evidence. The only thing that changes in death cases is that there is evidence from a post mortem that has to be assessed,” she says in an email to *The Independent*.

The SIU is not releasing any more information about what may have happened, including whether a mental health

professional had been called in to assist.

Hudon isn’t sure how long it will be before the SIU releases more information.

“Due to complexity or circumstances, it’s difficult to know how long it will take to complete an investigation. The length of time might be impacted by factors such as how long it took to conduct interviews and/or gather and analyze evidence.

“In many instances, the Unit must also await receipt of reports from outside organizations such as the Centre of Forensic Sciences or the Coroner’s Office.”

# One Fiddicks resident tests positive for COVID-19

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Officials at Fiddicks Nursing and Retirement Home in Petrolia say, so far, only one resident has tested positive for COVID-19.

The home declared an outbreak when a retirement home resident tested positive for the highly contagious virus Thursday. Lambton Public Health says in long term care and retirement homes, only one case of COVID-19 in either staff or residents is considered an outbreak.

Director of Resident Care Mandy Judah says the resident was first in isolation at the home.

Judah could not confirm the resident has been taken to hospital. Bluewater Health officials confirmed a woman in

her 80s was admitted from the Petrolia retirement home.

Judah says the home has taken all the steps it can to limit the outbreak.

“Rest assured that we have taken swift action to halt the spread of the virus through rigorous infection management practices and procedures,” Judah wrote on Facebook, adding the home is working with public health to protect the residents.

“The health and safety of our residents, and the team members who serve them, is our highest priority.”

Judah adds the home is experienced in managing respiratory illnesses. “We have also isolated the other residents on the floor as appropriate and have assigned dedicated staff who are only working in that area,” Judah says.

“We know isolation can be very hard on our residents and we are focused on providing them with the best possible care during this difficult time. Our staff are going above and beyond to ensure our residents’ well-being.”

The resident of Fiddicks is one of three people now in hospital dealing with COVID-19. Officials with Bluewater Health say over the last two days two more people were admitted. A 72 year-old man and a 62 year old-woman were both admitted with COVID-19. They were both isolating at home before they were admitted.

Julia Oosterman, chief communications officer at the hospitals says no one is in the intensive care unit.

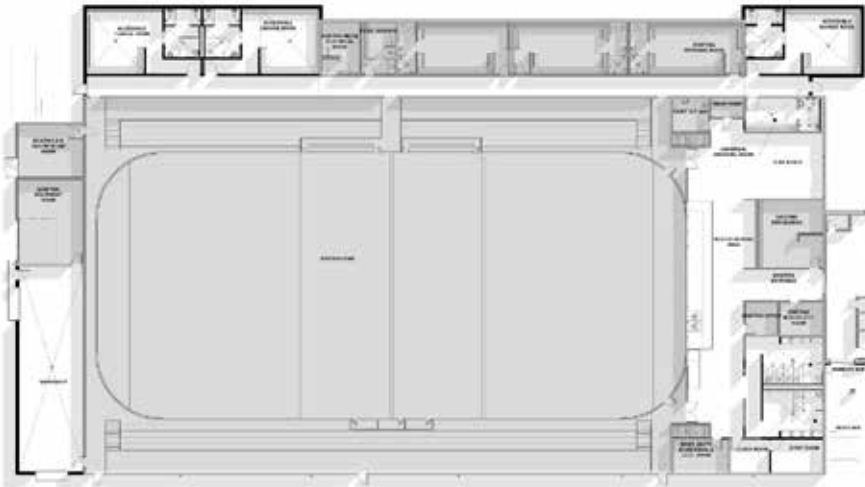
As of Tuesday, four people in total are ill with COVID-19 in Lambton.



## Online Survey for the Watford Community Arena Expansion to Community Centre and Arena Renovations Design Plans

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# Projected cost of Warwick Community Centre nearly doubles

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The Independent

Warwick Mayor Jackie Rombouts says leaders will have to take a close look at the needs and the wants of a new community centre as the projected cost of the new building nearly doubles.

And council is also looking for help from the public to decide exactly what should be included in the new community centre.

The township has been working on plans for a community centre since it learned Centennial Hall needed to be replaced. A preliminary design came to council in 2019 but recently Theresa Klachan, Manager Parks and Recreation, met with the engineering firm Spriet, and went over the details of the project.

The company recently came to council with a more detailed design of the project and a more realistic price tag.

Originally, council expected the new community centre to cost about \$5 million. Spriet estimates it will be “at least” \$9.75 million. That doesn’t include the \$3 million to renovate the arena.

“We don’t even have the full costings of everything,” says the mayor.

Rombouts says no final decisions have been made yet and council will hold a special meeting Nov. 17 to discuss the project. She says councillors will look at what is needed and what is a nice-to-have. “Are these needs or are they wants and a lot of this project is wants,” she says adding council wants to

be forward-thinking as well. “But are they needed for the community that we want to have? So yeah, so that’s not going to be inexpensive,” she says.

Rombouts adds the community understands this is about more than just replacing an aging community hall. “We are upping the level of service that we can offer to our community exponentially by adding the YMCA ... it’s not just a dance hall that we’re building, we’re building a multipurpose place where church groups could go and worship or you can have basketball, volleyball, pickleball.

“There’s so many different services that we can offer through this, that we couldn’t before.”

Rombouts expects council to have a long discussion about the project but adds the community is excited about the prospect of a new hall.

“We’ll see where we go; it’s going to get built. It’s just a matter of when and how soon because with what we have now, it is not 100 per cent the best time to do fundraising with COVID.”

Council did agree to hire a professional to help with the fundraising drive, whenever it happens.

Rombouts says council is asking for bids for the project and expects it could cost as much as \$15,000.

So far, Warwick has been unsuccessful in securing provincial and federal grants for the project.

It is also asking for public input through an online survey.

## HALLOWEEN TREAT



Alayla Malott was greeting residents of Albany Retirement Village on Friday. She and some of her friends were part of a Halloween ‘parade’ at the local home to brighten spirits there. Alayla’s mom, CJ, works at Albany.

## Cadman lauded as Woman of Excellence

The Independent

Petrolia’s Jane Cadman is one of three women being honoured as Women of Excellence.

The Petrolia woman is active in the community with Petrolia Rotary and the CEEH Auxiliary. She’s also served on municipal council in the past.

Cadman, Margaret Capes - a lawyer who organizes free legal clinics - and Bethany Tiegs - one of the organizers of the local women’s march - will all be honoured for their work in the community. They’re being hailed as “citizens determined to change the world they live in.”

They’ll appear on YourTV for interviews Wednesday.

# Sarnia jail deals with first COVID-19 case

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

After more than seven months of keeping COVID-19 at bay the first case of the virus has been found in the Sarnia Jail.

The positive test was recorded from an inmate on Sunday, Oct. 25, and confirmed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General on Thursday.

“Since admission, the inmate has been in medical isolation and is receiving medical care as appropriate,” says ministry spokesperson Kristy Denette.

In an Oct. 29 update the case was marked as resolved.

New inmates at the jail are housed in a separate intake area for two weeks before joining the general population. COVID

tests are provided with the inmate’s consent.

Denette added that other measures taken at both Sarnia Jail and all provincial facilities include mandatory masks and temperature checks for staff and visitors, masks for inmates if they wish, and increased cleaning measures.

Staff at provincial facilities are not required to declare if they have tested positive for COVID, although they must pass a screening to attend work.

Since the pandemic began jails in Ontario have worked to release low-risk and intermittent offenders in an attempt to avoid COVID spread.

Justices have also been attempting to hand out non-custodial sentences when

possible for offenders who aren’t deemed a risk to society.

Sarnia joins the other two provincial correction facilities in the region as having a recorded case. All three jails have managed to keep numbers low though.

The Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre in London recorded their second inmate case on Oct. 20 and resolved it Nov. 1. Their only other case was recorded June 11 and resolved 12 days later.

In Windsor, the South West Detention Centre didn’t record an inmate case until Aug. 31. They added their second on Sept. 15, but as of Sept. 27 both were resolved with no new cases since.

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Who walk in the law of the Lord, day by day.  
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Unashamed, His commandments they diligently seek.  
Bible in hand, our fore-fathers, settled this “great” land,  
Fearing God, our constitution reflected, their stand.  
Prayer and God’s Word, guided our courts and school,  
Respect and humility, governed their rule.

Have we become so morally insensitive, we can’t discern the way?  
Do the gods of materialism, egotism and power, rule the day?  
Have we deceived our next generation, being politically correct?  
Are the statistics of divorce and suicide, the future’s effect?

Life has many choices, but eternity only two,  
Who will you be found serving, when your life, is thru.  
You see, “repentance” is required, for you and for me,  
Bringing Jesus unending “forgiveness”, to set us free.

If we “humble” ourselves and “pray”, God promises to heal our land,  
His righteousness exalts a Nation, with one accord, we will stand.  
So we say, “God Bless Canada” and earnestly pray,  
Forever, your mercy endures Lord, change our hearts to-day.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray,  
and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear  
from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, “thank-you” for the price that you paid for me. Because of the sin in my life, I find myself separated from you. I ask for your forgiveness and invite you into my heart, to be Lord of all the areas of my life. Thank-you for the “gift” of salvation and the assurance of an eternal home in Heaven with you. Amen

Grogan, Watford



# Editorial

## We Remember

*EDITOR’S NOTE: As has been our tradition since The Independent was founded, on the week before Remembrance Day, we print a poem to reflect on. This is even more important this year, as the pandemic means there will be no public Act of Remembrance. Members of the Petrolia Legion will host a private ceremony Nov. 11 starting at 10:55. The Independent will live stream the event on its Facebook page. This poem was written during the First World War and contains the famous words we now use in the Act of Remembrance. Please also display the poster at the center of this week’s edition in your window as a visible reminder of the sacrifices made.*

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.  
Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.  
They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;  
They fell with their faces to the foe.  
They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.  
They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England’s foam.  
But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night;  
As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.

- Laurence Binyon - September 1914

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## Our Story



Lambton's Own 149th Battalion grew from a recruiting drive across the county during the First World War. By the time the battalion boarded the SS Lapland to head to England, the war had raged on for three years. When the men arrived in England, they were dispersed and fought with other units, reinforcing other battalions in action.

## Promise made, promise not kept to rural Ontario

It’s not unusual but it is disappointing all the same. For about the sixth year, the provincial government is cutting one of the main grants it gives to small rural and northern municipalities even though the premier himself said it wouldn’t happen again. Years ago, the then Liberal government looked at the Ontario Municipal Partnership Grant and decided it should start chipping away at it to save some money. At least that was what they said at the time. As it turned out, the province wasn’t saving much money, it was simply shifting cash from small rural municipalities to larger urban centres. Some municipalities, like Dawn-Euphemia, were told to simply raise taxes to cover the difference. The Ontario Municipal Partnership Grant was established after the province got rid of the rural farm tax credit program. It was supposed to be

easier than a system which saw farms pay 25 per cent of residential taxes on their land through a rebate program. And, perhaps it was. But now, the province sees this program as a grant - which is money not earned but given - and grants are not guaranteed. Rural leaders have been talking to provincial governments for years about the inequity of giving the grant to urban centres, since it was meant to be a farm tax program. The Ontario Liberal government simply ignored them. The Conservatives under Doug Ford didn’t. In fact, Ford’s promise to stop chipping away at the grant was one of the main reasons rural politicians in this area supported him during the 2018 election. The first year Ford’s promise was broken many gave him the benefit of the doubt. The second year it fell by the wayside, there were some politicians who were angry but expressed hope

Ford would do what he had promised. This year, for many, it has been the confirmation they really didn’t need. Ford, like so many politicians before him, made a promise he’s not going to keep. What’s the result? Either rural taxpayers will pay more property tax or a couple of roads won’t be repaired. Either way, it doesn’t reflect poorly on the province, the provincial thinking goes, that’s a municipal problem. So when your taxes go up, in this case, municipal politicians are right to lay at least part of the blame squarely at the feet of the provincial government.



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# Demolition of LGS stalled while new contractor found

Alex Kurial  
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The demolition saga of the Lambton Generation Station continues to drag on as the search for a new contractor begins.

The Courtright station – which was closed in 2013 after the provincial government moved away from coal-generated electricity – sat until 2018 when JMX Contracting began demolishing it. Work was expected to be completed this summer, but was halted in April when the project was deemed non-essential under COVID guidelines.

Then, JMX suddenly filed for bankruptcy later that month, throwing the project into a state of limbo. It remained that way for five months until Ontario Power Generation obtained a court order to terminate JMX’s

contract at the end of September. The Crown corporation is now back in control of the site and searching for a contractor to take over the work.

JMX had completed around 60 per cent of the demolition process before going bankrupt.

There is still debate though over what the site is actually worth. The demolition value was originally valued at \$90 million, but after an inquiry by St. Clair Township last month the building inspector revised this to \$30 million.

The generating station itself was valued at \$16 million in 2016, but after an announcement later that year it would be decommissioned this was bumped down to \$13,646,000 by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

At a Nov. 2 meeting members of St. Clair council questioned the large discrepancy between the station’s

property value and the demolition value. Treasurer Charles Quenneville says there shouldn’t be too much stock placed on demolition values at this stage.

“When the contractor applied they just wrote in a rough number, it’s not verifiable, there’s no consulting on how they arrive at the value. This is a value they pull from the air,” Quenneville says.

The answer frustrated Mayor Steve Arnold. “If they can just pull it out of the air and it doesn’t matter then what’s going on?”

Quenneville says a more realistic number will emerge at the end of the project. “When everything is demolished there will be another detailed analysis to see what the final value is going to be, and it won’t be related to the actual demolition permit.”

# Cadets find new home in old Plympton school

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

This week marks a long-awaited return to action for the Petrolia Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

The corps’ operations came to a sudden halt in March following the COVID outbreak. The Petrolia unit had been using LCCVI as their training base when schools were ordered closed.

Cadets were told by school services that even come fall it was unlikely they would be able to return, a prediction that turned out to be true.

“We were offering a program that was pretty robust up until March,” says Captain Carl D. Russell, Commanding Officer of the 2563 1st Hussars Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

“Even the national summer camp program was cancelled. All the international exchanges that the program usually offers, everything was shut down.”

Russell says virtual meetings were encouraged, but since the kids spent much of their day doing this already in

school there was not a large appetite for it.

The cadets explored other options such as churches, but Russell says with many participants at different levels and age groups, a school was necessary. As fortune had it there was one available.

The old South Plympton Public School in Wyoming has sat empty since closing in 2018. It was sold this summer, and while the buyer has not been made public the cadets were able to do some investigating to set up a meeting.

“We were able to figure out who it was and when we approached him he was quite open to allowing us to use the school to get some use out of it,” Russell says.

This means that their training will end a seven-and-a-half-month hiatus Wednesday.

The cadets and the new owner of the school have agreed to a lease that will run through June 2021.

Even after securing a venue there are still plenty of pandemic related rules the cadets had to fulfill to get approval

from the Department of National Defense to restart. This includes mask use for all participants, increased cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and a reduction of some routines.

“We won’t be able to do our drills the same way because they’d be too close together,” says Russell. “Usually it’s a pretty high intensity program and we have a lot going on... weekend stuff, competitions, exercises, camping. But we’re not allowed to do any overnight stuff right now.”

This won’t stop the cadets from getting out from time to time though. Petrolia residents can look for them this Saturday in fact as they head to Bridgeview Park and Petrolia Discovery for an orienteering exercise.

“We’re going to try and keep cadets engaged in a fun and safe manner,” Russell says.

He says the cadets are always looking for new members, and encourages any interested kids to come see what the corps is all about. The program is free of charge, and open to kids age 12-18.

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# New Plympton-Wyoming wellness centre attracting donations

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The new Plympton-Wyoming Community Wellness Centre is on a roll.

Just weeks after the Wyoming Lion’s Club pledged \$50,000 to help convert the former TD Bank in town into a wellness centre, the Plympton-Wyoming Agriculture Society has also stepped up to the plate.

The society has donated \$10,000 to the project.

“The Agricultural Society has been a major part of this community for 174 years. During that time period, the community has supported our fall fair as well as the other numerous activities that we host. The Board of Directors are pleased to be able to give back to the community,” says Plympton-Wyoming Agricultural Society President

and Plympton-Wyoming Councillor Gary Atkinson.

“I am so grateful to live in a community that continues to provide resources to worthwhile projects such as this one,” added Mayor Lonny Napper in the same news release.

Council is hoping to encourage even more donations.

It has set up a sponsorship program to recognize people and groups in the community which support the centre.

CAO Carolyn Tripp in a report to council says renovations are progressing but there will be a need for basic office furniture, an air purification system, chairs, tables, a kitchenette for cooking classes and eventually a new roof and windows.

“At this point, the interior renovations to the building including flooring, interior

walls, plumbing, electrical, etc. have commenced and are on schedule to be completed shortly,” she says in her report to council.

“However, as part of this project, additional sponsorship opportunities should be sought in order to ensure that funds will be

available for the all current and future requirements.”

The town approved a program which includes recognition on the building for the top sponsors.

Town council also gave the okay to apply for a \$10,000 grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PARKING REGULATIONS

**NO PARKING is permitted from November 15th, 2020 to April 15th, 2021 between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any Township of Warwick streets.**

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HEATHER WRIGHT PHOTO

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## Province vows four hours of care; unions want it in legislation

Heather Wright  
The Independent

The provincial government is getting panned and praised for its plan to give long term care residents four hours of hands on care a day.

Right now, the average long term care home provides between two and a half or three hours of care per day per resident. Advocates in health care including the unions representing personal support workers, have been pushing for more care for years. But the COVID-19 pandemic exposed the problems to a wider audience as nearly 2,000 people died in long term care.

When Premier Doug Ford made the announcement, it was met with praise.

Jane Joris, general manager of long term care in Lambton County, says the

announcement is good news but added change is not about to happen quickly. She says successive reports have called for the increase for 20 years.

“I don’t know if four-hours-a-day is enough but it’s a great start for sure and gets us moving in the right direction.”

Joris adds she’s a little concerned the government says it may take to 2025 to reach the goal. “So, four years - when you’ve been asking for something for more than 10 - for you to get to that place is a little bit disturbing, but we’ll see what happens.”

The head of the Ontario Health Coalition pointed out her group has been advocating for four hours care per day for 20 years and adds seniors need help now.

“Ontarians need to know what

concrete recruitment and training is going to happen right now to get staff into the homes and to move us toward the four-hour minimum average care level as quickly as possible,” says Natalie Mehra.

And the Ontario Federation of Labour, says “Unions and workers must have input. Decisions on care standards cannot be left to powerful for-profit lobby interests.”

It also wants the standard to include concrete staffing strategies which targets recruitment, training and retention of staff.

And the OFL says, the standard has to be written into legislation. “Simply decrying minimum care standards through regulation will not suffice. Care standards must be permanently legislated. “

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<small>* Minimum sewer rate = \$3.4136/m3 ** Subject to rounding on billings.</small>	

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# Lambton to be subject to lowest provincial COVID restrictions now

Heather Wright  
The Independent

Lambton County residents and businesses will be among the communities which have the least restrictions to fight COVID-19.

The gathering limits won't change and some businesses will have to implement more safety measures under the new rules.

The province released its new COVID-19 Response Framework Tuesday to clearly layout what happens as the number of cases rise in your community. The framework takes a gradual approach introducing preventative measures earlier to help avoid broader closures

Lambton will be in the prevent or green zone since it has fewer than 10 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people and the level of community transmission remains low. The measures will rise as the case numbers increase. The colour-coded restrictions include yellow-protect, orange-restrict (with immediate measures), red-control – the most stringent measures before lock down.

Areas like Toronto, Peel and York will be in the orange zone to begin.

Here is what the government is proposing for the green prevent zones, which includes Lambton County:

Gathering Limits for social gatherings are 10 people inside, 25 people outside. Organized public events can be up to 50 people indoors

and 100 outdoors. Churches still meet using 30 per cent capacity.

Restaurants must have patrons two meters apart, singing dancing and music is permitted with restrictions. Masks will still be required and restaurants and bars will have to collect contact information.

And time at the local arena and gyms will look the same as it does now. There will be up to 50 people indoors for classes or in weight and exercise rooms. Up to 100 people can participate outdoors.

And up to 50 spectators will be allowed indoors.

But there will still be no physical contact in sports and only 50 people per league. That could spell an end to the OHL season. The league has been vocal that it needs to allow contact in play and it would like fans in the stands. Recently the premier said contact would be allowed.

Instructors in gyms will also have to wear a mic to avoid shouting indoors.

Ford, answering questions about why areas like Toronto will see looser restrictions on indoor dining and gyms, said "the whole world has to live with this for a while" and he's concerned about the mental and economic effects of keeping businesses closed. Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams agreed saying the "impacts on economics and individuals of ongoing closure is not going to be helpful."

## CLEAN HARBORS VISIT



PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK

Environment Minister Jeff Yurek stopped at Clean Harbors near Petrolia Friday. The private visit, according to the minister's staff, was to see first-hand how Clean Harbors manages and processes hazardous waste. The ministry is in the process of changing the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority to have all hazardous waste facilities report their activities online. Ministry officials hope the proposed changes will mean more timely information to government and the public. The industry has suggested that it would be better to wait to add hazardous waste groups to the site until it is fully operational.

## Sixteen sick with salmonella after eating at Sarnia restaurant

The Independent

Sixteen people in Lambton have now tested positive for salmonella poisoning after eating at a Sarnia restaurant.

Lambton Public Health is investigating an outbreak of Salmonella infection in people who recently ate at the Barakat restaurant in Sarnia.

Dr. Sudit Ranade told reporters Monday that "over 100 folks who have responded to our symptom survey to say that they're symptomatic and may have had an exposure by eating at a facility during the time window that

we identified."

The department is currently following up with several others who have reported becoming ill after eating at the restaurant on Lambton Mall Road in Sarnia.

The investigation into the source of this outbreak is on-going.

"That part of the investigation always takes time," says Ranade. "It's dependent upon labs and lab testing and samples...but we've had a really good working relationship with facilities and our inspections have gone well there. They've not identified any major issues in terms of what

might have been the cause from that perspective. We're really just waiting for food samples test to be done to see if we can identify a specific source."

The owners of the restaurant are cooperating with Lambton Public Health and have voluntarily closed while LPH ensures there is no on-going risk of illness.

If you ate at the Barakat restaurant between Oct. 21 and Oct. 29 and became ill with symptoms of Salmonella infection – diarrhea, fever, stomach cramps, vomiting- you report the illness to Lambton Public Health at 519 383-8331.




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# In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
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We are the Dead. Short days ago  
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In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## About the Poem

In Flanders Fields was first published in England’s Punch magazine in December 1915. Within months, this poem came to symbolize the sacrifices of all who were fighting in the First World War. Today, the poem continues to be a part of Remembrance Day ceremonies in Canada and other countries throughout the world.

The poem was written by a Canadian—John McCrae, a doctor and teacher, who served in both the South African War and the First World War.









# New public trustee is open to ideas

Alex Kurial  
Local Journalism Initiative

Malinda Little is the newest Lambton-Kent District School Board trustee. She was declared the winner after a vote was held Oct. 27 to replace former trustee Brittany Jenkins, who stepped down earlier this year. Eleven candidates offered up their services for the role during short pitches to the board. While 10 of the people vying for the role appeared in person, Little was the only one to make her case via Zoom. “I already feel like I have an advantage because you get to see my smile,” Little joked when it was her turn. Little is from Sarnia and a product of the public school system, along with her three sons. She says this year’s events have shown the need for unique approaches to problems. “Education has always seemed organic to me. It grows and changes with the community and the people within it. This makes it a requirement for us to learn to adapt to new challenges as they arise,” says Little. “2020 has shown us that out-of-the-box thinking to provide our school communities with the support they need to maintain a quality education while caring for the mental health of the students, staff and families.” Little says her life experiences have prepared her for challenging issues the board is facing now and in the future.

“Adapt and overcome is a statement that was taught to me many years ago in leadership training with the Air Cadet organization. It is a statement that I have used often in my life as I have faced challenges, and have had to teach my children to approach their own problems,” Little says. “Too often it is easy to get stuck in a solitary line of thinking. Being open to new ideas and fresh perspectives will ensure that we are making the best decisions for the good of the community as a whole.” After hearing presentations, 10 of the existing public trustees began the voting process. Trustee Lareina Rising recused herself as she was acquainted with one of the applicants. It took three ballots to reach the necessary majority to declare a winner, with the lowest voted candidates being eliminated each round. The third and final round came down to Little and Lindsay Lauridsen, where Little finally prevailed. Ballots were cast in secret and destroyed after the vote was completed. Trustee Derek Robertson says he will be making a motion at the next board meeting to change this process to require a public recorded vote going forward. Along with Lauridsen, Cole Anderson, Charles Archer, Matt Joosse, Janice McMichael-Dennis, Kathleen Myers, Wayne Pease, Meghan Realesmith, Matt Russell, and Regina Stockus were the other candidates for the position.

## A CONFUSED EASTER BUNNY



PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK  
The Easter Bunny seemed a little confused in Alvinston on Halloween. The Alvinston Optimists brought him out to deliver candy to the kids. The club had brought the Easter Bunny into the club this year, but he didn't have a chance to make an appearance because of COVID-19. So, he delighted children on Halloween instead.

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# Sports

## GOJHL makes case for fans in stands

With the anticipated start of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League less than a month way, the league is making its push to the Ontario government and local public health officials to allow fans in rinks for the 2020-21 season.

In a release earlier this week, the GOJHL is requesting a maximum of 30 per cent of arena capacity with assigned seating provided there is enough room to physically distance.

If assigned seating is not available, the league, which includes the Sarnia Legionnaires, is asking that a

maximum of 150 spectators be allowed to attend.

All spectators must wear a mask and spectators must not be within two metres of dressing rooms or players as they enter and leave the ice surface.

As of press time, there had not been any response from the provincial government.

In late August, the league indicated it would start the 2020-21 campaign on Dec. 2 with a 40-game schedule ending on March 28, 2021. However, the league has yet to release a schedule.

## Rees goes to Team Canada selection camp

Jamieson Rees of the Sarnia Sting is among 46 players named to the training camp roster for the Canadian team at the World Junior Hockey Championship over the holidays in Edmonton.

Rees, a second round draft pick by the Carolina Hurricanes in 2019, had 18 goals and 61 points in 39 games last season with the Sting.

Another Sting, Jacob Perreault, was not invited to camp. He was a late first

round pick by the Anaheim Ducks at the NHL draft last month.. Former Dresden Jr. King Brett Brochu of the London Knight was one of five goaltenders invited to camp.

A month long training camp to determine the final 25 Team Canada roster spots opens Nov. 16 in a bubble in Red Deer, Alberta. The tournament, also in a bubble, opens on Christmas Day. Canada’s first game is against Germany on Boxing Day.

## OHL season delayed to early Feb.

What has been extensively reported prior to an official league announcement is now official.

The Ontario Hockey League says its anticipated start date for the 2021 season is now early February.

“Although we are eager to get back on the ice, the safety and well-being of our players, staff, officials, tremendous fans and communities remains paramount,” said OHL Commissioner David Branch.

“We remain committed to providing our players with a safe, first-class development experience as they pursue their professional and academic goals, and we look forward to the planned opening of our Regular Season on Thurs., Feb. 4.”

Teams will play primarily against opponents in their geographic region in an effort to reduce travel in consideration of the health and safety of all players and staff, stated the release. Details concerning the structure of team alignment will be made available when the schedule is

released at a later date.

The 40-game schedule will end on May 8 with an eight-team playoff tournament beginning on May 11. The conference semi-finals will be a best-of-five series, followed by best-of-seven affairs in both the conference final and league championship series.

A league champion will be crowned not later than June 14. The Memorial Cup, hosted by either the Soo Greyhounds or Oshawa Generals, begins on June 17.

The release made no mention of if or how the three American-based teams (Erie, Flint and Saginaw) will participate or whether the league expects fans to be allowed into the stands for the realigned season.

Meantime, Ontario Premier Doug Ford would like to see the league return with bodychecking despite an earlier comment from his Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture, Lisa MacLeod that bodychecking would not be part of return to play under any circumstances.

## Dawson’s pro lacrosse debut delayed until April

Kyle Dawson of Florence and the rest of his National Lacrosse League colleagues have had their pro lacrosse season put on hold until April 9.

The league has announced an adjustment in its regular schedule cycle due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

Typically, the league runs from December to June.

“We have been continuously working with our teams, Players’ Association, arenas, and health and government officials to prepare to play our 35th season. An April start date will give us sufficient time to have our protocols in place for players, coaches, staff as well as fans,” NLL Commissioner

Nick Sakiewicz said in a news release.

“We are working with all teams to provide the safest environment and an acceptable level of fans in the stands. We understand that current circumstances will dictate whether this plan is achievable, and we will be prepared to remain flexible and pivot as needed,” he added.

Training camps would begin, either virtually or in-person, in mid-March. The league is in the process of continuing look at restrictions in both the US and Canada on immigration and facility use, the commissioner added.

Dawson, a free agent, recently signed a two-year contract with Rochester.

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October 26 - November 1, 2020

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

BOURQUE, Adam

Age 31, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

WHITESSELL, Orval

Age 63, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

STRAUB, Catherine

Age 87, of Sarnia  
McCormick Funeral Home

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

GAUTHIER-LAAKES, Carrie

Age 47, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

HALE, Bill

Age 71, of Alvinston  
VanHeck Funeral Home

BAILEY, Louisa

Age 97, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

WATSON, Douglas

Age 76, of Forest  
Denning's of Forest

HURLEY, Michael

Age 81, of Sarnia  
McKenzie & Blundy Funeral Home

SHORTT, Ruby

Age 84, of Petrolia  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home

McKELLAR, Harriet

Age 94, of Brigden  
Steadman Brothers Funeral Chapels

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

PASQUALE, Joann

Age 68, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

GABRIELE, Michele

Age 71, of Sarnia  
Smith Funeral Home

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

PETERSEN, Daric

Age 31, of Sarnia  
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YOUNG, William "Jim"

Age 59, of Courtright  
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KIEHN, Warren

Age 86, of Sarnia  
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HOULAHAN, Jack

Age 91, of petrolia  
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GRANHAM, Pat

Age 94, of Watford  
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

MANSFIELD, Michael

Age 40, of Sarnia  
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THOMPSON, Steven

Age 57, of Sarnia  
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ROSS, Cam

Age 65, of Sarnia  
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CAMERON, Gail

Age 69, of Forest  
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GLENN, David

Age 73, of Sarnia  
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Obituary



BAILEY  
Louise



SHORTT  
Ruby Margueritte

Peacefully, surrounded by family on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020** at C.E.E. Hospital of Bluewater Health in Petrolia, Louisa "Louise" Marveline Bailey (nee Smith) passed away at the age of **97**. Beloved wife to the late Lyle (1989). Loving mother to Gayle (John) Daamen, Mary Ellen (Keith) Davey, and Ilene (Adrian) VandenBroek. Proud grandma to David Daamen, Catherine (Rob) McDonald (nee Daamen), Linda Daamen (Brian Davis), Michael (Tricia) Daamen, Jon (Tanya) Davey, Alissa (Kesh) Malli (nee VandenBroek), and Heather VandenBroek. Great grandmother to Marlena, Nicole, Ashley, Joshua, Eric, Curtis, Taylor, Alex, Emma, Abigail, and Landon and great-great grandma to Gracie, Vaida and Lucas. Predeceased by her parents Harry and Lucy Smith and her siblings Mary, William, John, Roy, Walter, Betty Jean, and Glenn. Born and raised in Petrolia, Louise lived there for most of her life, raising her three daughters, enjoying the rapidly expanding number of grandchildren and working as a long-term care aide at Fiddick's Nursing Home. At the relatively young age of 65, devastated by the loss of her husband, she moved to Sarnia. Her stubbornness and sense of independence served her well. She volunteered regularly at the hospital until she finally retired at the age of 85. She continued to live by herself for the rest of her life and, even at the age of 97, regularly hopping in a taxi to spend the day with her friends at the bingo hall. She spent the last month of her life back home in Petrolia at the local hospital, her window overlooking the golf course where she and her husband spent so many happy days when they were younger. Survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, Leland and Sandy Shortt, and Carol and Bev Boyd. She will be remembered by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her siblings Mary Alena and Bert Grover, Stewart Telfer, Murray Telfer, Charlie Telfer and Phyllis Waterworth and brother-in-law, Burton Shortt. Ruby was a teller at the Scotiabank and TD Bank in Petrolia for many years. She enjoyed going to auction sales with Clint and loved to crochet and sew, leaving heartfelt keepsakes to her family. **A private funeral service is archived on the funeral home Facebook page. Interment in Hillsdale Cemetery. Please see our website for details.** As an expression of sympathy memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia Lambton. Memories and condolences may be shared online at [www.needhamjay.com](http://www.needhamjay.com)

In Memory

GLEN HART

Feb. 19, 1953 - Oct. 19 2015

A husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather.

Everyday we think of you.  
Everyday we miss you,  
but remember the good times.  
The happy times.

Louise - Jerry - Darlene - Brenda and families

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Petrolia Fire Department for your quick response to my false alarm at 4:15am on the morning of October 30th. Your speed was greatly appreciated, also thank you for the new battery in my gas detector.  
Thank You!

Garold Hunking  
519 Huggard St



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## Business & Service Directory

### Calendar

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM  
DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*of events*

Events are listed FREE for non-profit groups in Petrolia and Lambton County (space permitting).  
To be included in this listing email the required information to [office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca](mailto:office@petrolialambtonindependent.ca) Subject: FREE EVENT LISTING.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	START TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT INFO
Nov 5	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 6	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace &amp; 50/50</b>	519-876-2360
Nov 7	12noon	Lambton	<b>Neighbour 2 Neighbour Food Drive.</b> Lambton's Largest rural food drive.	n2nfooddrive.com
Nov 7	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50/50 Draw</b>	
Nov 7	4-6:30p	Petrolia	<b>Petrolia Legion Remembrance Dinner.</b> \$20/meal. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll, pie. Advanced tickets only call 519-882-1201 between 10am-7pm.	
Nov 10	5-6:30p	Corunna	Corunna Legion <b>Drive by BBQ Rib Dinner.</b> Dinner includes: ribs, baked potato, beans, coleslaw, bun, dessert. \$15 donation to Legion. Cash only. Limited meals. Call Legion 519-862-1240 to reserve your meal 7 pickup time. Sale closes Nov 3 at 6pm.	
Nov 11	10:45a	Forest	Forest Legion reduced attendance for the <b>Remembrance Day Service</b> at Cenotaph. Legion Colour Party and invited guests. No post ceremonies at the Legion. Service will be taped and streamed as soon as possible on Facebook and website.	
Nov 12	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 13	4-7pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Wing Night</b> at the Petrolia Lions Hall. 10 wings for \$15 served with veggies. Please per-order. Call 519-882-8728 by Nov 12. Take out only.	
Nov 13	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace &amp; 50/50</b>	
Nov 14	3:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion <b>Meat Raffle</b> for the Poppy Fund & Catach the Ace at 6pm.	
Nov 14	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50/50 Draw</b>	
Nov 18	8-10pm	Petrolia	Join Michael Vanhevel for <b>Trivia Night</b> at Kingswell Clubhouse (4300 Garden Cres). Max Team size of 6.	
Nov 19	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 20	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace &amp; 50/50</b>	519-876-2360
Nov 21	9-2pm	Wyoming	<b>Wyoming Vendor/Craft Show</b> at the Wyoming Legion. 100's of products available. All covid-19 rules will be followed. Lunch Available.	
Nov 21	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50/50 Draw</b>	
Nov 26	6-8pm	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Nov 27	6pm	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Meat Raffle, Catch the Ace &amp; 50/50</b>	519-876-2360
Nov 28	9am	Alvinston	Alvinston Legion <b>Bake Sale &amp; Dutch Auction.</b> Meat Raffle & Catch the Ace at 3:30pm	
Nov 28	3:30pm	Forest	Forest Legion <b>Meat Raffle &amp; 50/50 Draw</b>	
Nov 29	4:30-6:30pm	Alvinston	Alvinston ice Angels <b>Drive Thru Chicken &amp; Rib Dinner</b> at the BAICC. \$20/Meal. Chicken & Rib, baked potato, bked beans, buns, cookie. Advanced tickets only.	
Dec 2	8-10pm	Petrolia	Join Michael Vanhevel for <b>Trivia Night</b> at Kingswell Clubhouse (4300 Garden Cres). Max Team size of 6.	
Dec 3	4:30-6:30p	Watford	Watford Legion <b>Drive by Turkey Dinner.</b> Dinner includes: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, wold's greatest dressing, dinner roll, dessert. \$20 donation to legion. Cash only. Limited meals. Call Joan @ 519-876-2519 to reserve your meal & pick up time.	
Dec 3	6-8p	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Dec 4	6pm	Petrolia	Petrolia's <b>Lighting of the Lights</b> - Watch Virtually. Go to the Town of Petrolia's Facebook or Youtube Page to watch	
Dec 5	9am-12pm	Petrolia	<b>Santa is coming to town.</b> Santa will be visiting every street in Petrolia. He will be escorted by firetrucks.	
Dec 5	1-3pm	Petrolia	Santa at the Farmer's Market. Join in and get a <b>photo with Santa.</b> Sponsored by the Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Club.	
Dec 10	6-8p	Petrolia	Petrolia Lions <b>Meat Raffle</b> at Haywood's Tap & Grill	
Dec 16	8-10pm	Petrolia	Join Michael Vanhevel for <b>Trivia Night</b> at Kingswell Clubhouse (4300 Garden Cres). Max Team size of 6.	

**\*\*Deadline for submitting free events is Mondays at noon.\*\***

**To have your event included in the above Calendar of Events the following information is required:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Event Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Christ Church Anglican**  
414 Oil Street, Petrolia

**Sunday Service at 11am**

*Please follow all Covid-19  
guidelines and wear you mask.*

**Rev. Michelle Collins-Wongkee**

Church Office 519-882-1430  
[christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchpetrolia@gmail.com)

**St. Andrew's  
Prebyterian Church**

416 Queen Street, Petrolia  
(Behind the Post Office)

In this time of Social distancing we  
invite you to join a virtual congrega-  
tion and watch the Sunday morn-  
ing worship at Knox Presbyterian  
Church in Thedford.

9:30am Service - Live  
[www.kpcthedford.com](http://www.kpcthedford.com)

[www.standrews-petrolia.ca](http://www.standrews-petrolia.ca)

**St. Paul's United Church**  
4169 Petrolia Line at Centre Street

St. Paul's United Church is now open  
to the public for Sunday Services.  
New protocols will be in place for  
everyone's safety.

**Rev. Susan Cameron**

**10:30am Service**

Church Office: 519-882-1390  
[stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net](http://stpaulsunitedpetrolia.net)

**First Baptist Church**

418 Greenfield Street, Petrolia

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Pastor: Alex Craig

Church Office 519-882-2480  
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**Wyoming United Church**  
730 Second Street, Wyoming

*Welcome Back!*

*We invite you to join our congregation  
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Join Us for Worship - All are Welcome

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